

## CLAIMS

What is claimed and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is as follows:

1. A system for controlling currency exchange and merchandise sales on an aircraft with a passenger load, which comprises:

- a) a service cart;
- b) a security drawer mounted in the service cart and having locked and unlocked positions selectively providing access thereto;
- c) a currency inventory including at least two different currencies stored in said security drawer;
- d) an inventory of merchandise stowed in the service cart;
- e) the service cart being stowable on the aircraft and movable through the cabin thereof;
- f) a point-of-sale computer receiving currency and merchandise inventory data; and
- g) said point-of-sale computer being operable by a flight attendant to record transactions with said merchandise and said currency.

2. The system according to claim 1, which includes:
  - a) a processing computer adapted to receive transactional data from said point-of-sale computer.
3. The system according claim 2, which includes:
  - a) a data card adapted to receive inventory data from said processing computer and transferring same to said point-of-sale computer.
4. The system according to claim 3, which includes:
  - a) said data card comprising a currency data card; and
  - b) a merchandise data card adapted to receive data pertaining to said merchandise inventory and transferring same to said point-of-sale computer.
5. The system according to claim 4, which includes:
  - a) said point-of-sale computer recording currency exchange and merchandise sales transaction data on said currency and merchandise data cards respectively for transferring same to said processing computer.



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13. The method according to claim 6, which includes the additional steps of:
  - a) maintaining multiple foreign currency exchange rates; and
  - b) programming said point-of-sale computer with said foreign currency exchange rates.
14. The method according to claim 13, which include the additional steps of:
  - a) maintaining a flight crew foreign currency exchange discount rates; and
  - b) programming said point-of-sale computer with said flight crew foreign currency exchange discount rates.
15. The method according to claim 6, which includes the additional steps of:
  - a) maintaining information specific to a cash bag for a particular flight; and
  - b) transferring to said currency data card data pertaining to said cash bag for transfer to said point-of-sale computer.
16. The method according to claim 6, which includes the additional steps of:
  - a) providing the flight crew with currency exchange rate information; and
  - b) the flight crew announcing to the passengers the currency exchange rate information.
17. The method according to claim 6, which includes the additional step of:
  - a) reconciling the end-of-flight contents of the cash bags with the processing computer.



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